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It's Christmastime At Wartburg

Christmas? Let's Ditch It

And once again it's Christmas time, that season of the year filled with peace, good will and joy in the hearts of mankind. The time of the year when the entire world pauses for a time to remember the Prince of Peace.

Or is it?

In a brief answer — NO. Christmas has come to the point where it is little more than a commercial holiday, equipped with festal tinsel and decorated with a myriad of Santa Clauses, reindeer and pine-trimmed lampposts.

No longer is the season dedicated to the love of Christ and the remembrance of His birth. Rather, it is an increasingly lengthy season devoted to the Princes of Profits.

Commercialization has extended its tightening tentacles over the religious significance, choking it off with a flourish of garnished show windows, crowded department stores and full-page color ads. To say that Christmas remains a Christian celebration is about as absurd as saying the Russians want peace.

Possibly the citizens of Vicksburg, Mich., have the right attitude on Christmas. They celebrated it last July to avoid the commercial aspect of the season.

Actually, this might be an idea for all Christians to consider. There is little reason why the birth of Christ must be celebrated on Dec. 25. It's merely an old pagan holiday, converted for Christian use.

One of the aspects of Christianity has always been to surrender gracefully and to turn the other cheek. Here's an opportunity to demonstrate this principle.

It is quite true that there have been attempts made to put Christ back into Christmas. While optimists pridefully point to these attempts as an indication of the success of such programs, one must note the figures for Christmas buying.

The American people may pay lip service to the ideal of putting Christ back into Christmas. But a look at the retail sales for the Christmas season proves that it is nothing more than hollow platitudes.

In the world of today, there is a need for the peace-filled message of Christ. With conditions as they exist today, the light of Christianity must not be extinguished, but must be brightened and strengthened to face the challenges of a troubled globe.

But if Christianity allows itself to be degraded into being nothing more than a prop for department store selling, it can never hope to be an answer to the problems of this world.

So Christmas presents itself as a challenge to the Christian of today. The choice appears to be fairly obvious — peace and joy versus gifts and tinsel.

If Christmas has ceased to carry with it the true meaning of the day, there is just one choice for us — let's ditch it.

The President Speaks

A MESSAGE FROM DR. C. H. BECKER

Words so many times are meaningless, especially in times of great sorrow or great joy. Many Christmas greetings and many Christmas cards are wholly meaningless; so often the printed matter on Christmas cards is never read. Christmas in many instances is not merrier or happier because someone thoughtlessly says to you "Merry Christmas!"

Cognizant of this, I still have the courage to wish all of you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Christmas this year can be a happy and a blessed experience for you, if you will keep in mind that Christmas is for you, you individually, you personally. "Unto YOU is born a Savior!" Peace, not only on earth in general, but PEACE IN YOUR HEART. "Joy to the world!" Yes, but also for you, JOY IN YOUR LIFE.

And in our hearts there must be a personal response. We dare not close our hearts and our lives to the influence of the Christmas message if our Christmas is to be a blessed experience. Christmas came to the shepherds, to Joseph and Simeon and Hannah, because their hearts were open and receptive to the message of the angels, and of the Christ-child.

So let us determine that Christmas this year will be happy, because the Christ-child was born for us, the angels sang for us, the Christmas message is for us. And each one, individually, will accept and believe that message for his own life.

Two Paths Lie Ahead

—by John Solem

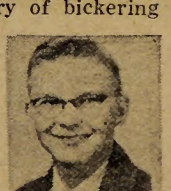
WHIRLED AFFAIRS

Western World's Hope Lies In NATO Meeting

By Bob Mayer

The hopes of the western world this week centered on the NATO summit conference in Paris. Leaders of the West's most powerful nations will there meet to decide, not only the future of NATO, but also the free world's best defense against militant Communism.

It is a realization that the free world can no longer afford the luxury of bickering over national interests, and that it is now a matter of rising as a group and facing boldly the most agonizing of problems.



Mayer

For the past 10 years the United States has persisted in underestimating the potentials of the Soviet Union. It was years ago that the Russians informed us of their intentions both to launch a satellite and attain world scientific supremacy. Today, with both achievements a matter of history, the United States seems to be taking lightly Russia's threats to dominate the world.

Millions simply label such talk as pure propaganda. However, this does not lessen the effect of the facts. It takes only a glance at a map of Asia to visualize the consequences of a ferment within more than half the population of the world.

The spreading fingers of Communism are plainly at work everywhere creating discontent and disturbance. It is even more evident that they are achieving no small amount of success.

It is not alarmist to give attention to these fears. The alarmist can only cry "Danger," but the realist faces the blunt facts and then sets out to do something about them.

This is exactly what NATO intends to do and must accomplish—a concrete consolidation of effort sufficient to restore lost ground and reinstate confidence. If out of Europe's growing lack of confidence in NATO, there can arise new union, new conviction and concerted action, then the West will have struck a well-aimed blow at Communism.

LETTER TO EDITOR

To the Editor:

It is with great concern that I view the faculty vote on Christmas Vacation. When I think of the safety factors involved and the risk of so many lives I cannot understand the faculty's view. It seems they have completely disregarded safety, the main issue, and defended their decision with other less consequential aspects.

Co-operation is a two-pronged affair concerning both students and faculty. Suppose tomorrow night I, as a choir member, band member or other participant, deemed it necessary to go to bed early to rest for next week-end's long night journey instead of fulfilling my part in Christmas at Wartburg.

Would this be a lack of co-operation on my part? I wonder . . .

A Disgruntled Student

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Sword Points

By The Staff

THE AUTOMATIC typewriter in the Public Relations office has been committing the unpardonable sin. Although the machine capitalizes other "W" 's, it consistently uses the lower case in spelling "w"artburg.

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COMMENT TO EARLY riser: "Look at the bright side of things—in 17 hours you'll be back in the rack."

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ONCE AGAIN comes that joyous season when loyal Iowans are forced to defend their native state's winter weather—in a word. . .BR-R-R.

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IF YOU THINK the cold weather was tough on you, pity the poor Vollmerians. Their furnace ran out of fuel on one of the coldest nights of the year.

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IF WOMEN really dressed to please their dates, they'd do it a lot faster.

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STUDENTS CLAIM they don't forget anything—it just takes quite a while to remember.

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NOW THAT the snow is disappearing, how long will it be until the leaves get raked?

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STUDENT BODY VEEP Charlie Maahs advises students not to get married. After all, he points out, next year you might get stuck with helping put up Christmas decorations.

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HOW MANY realize that there is a car for every two and a half students on campus?

Wartburg's Week

Saturday, Dec. 14
8 p.m. — Pi Sigma Ball, Irving School.
Sunday, Dec. 15
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.—Divine Worship, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
9 a.m. — Bible Discussion Groups, St. Paul's Parish House.
8 p.m. — Christmas at Wartburg, Knights Gym.
Monday, Dec. 16
7:30 p.m. — Chapel, Knights Gym, Chi Rho Candlelighting Service.
Tuesday, Dec. 17
10 a.m.—Convocation, Knights Gym, Pres. C. H. Becker.
6:15 and 6:45 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater, Pastor August Baetke.
Wednesday, Dec. 18
6:15 and 6:45 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater, Pastor Edwin Schick.
7:30 p.m. — Basketball Game, Loras, Here.
Thursday, Dec. 1
10 a.m.—Convocation, Little Theater, Christmas Play.
6:30 p.m. — Christmas Play, Little Theater.
7:30 p.m. — Wartburg Players, Little Theater.
Friday, Dec. 20
3:50 p.m. — Christmas Recess Begins.
5:30 p.m. — Faculty-Staff Christmas Party, Cafeteria, Student Union.
Monday, Jan. 6
8 a.m. — Christmas Recess Ends.
6:15 and 6:45 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater, Pastor Schick.
8 p.m. — Organ Recital, Fine Arts Center, Warren Schmidt.
Tuesday, Jan. 7
10 a.m.—Convocation, Knights Gym.
6:15 and 6:45 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater, Pastor Bruno Schlachtenhaufen.
7:30 p.m. — Basketball, Home, Upper Iowa.
Wednesday, Jan. 8
6:15 and 6:45 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater, David Nelson.
7:15 p.m. — Tri-Beta, Room 308, Luther Hall.
Thursday, Jan. 9
10 a.m.—Convocation, Knights Gym, Faculty and Student Meetings.
6:15 and 6:45 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater, Dr. Edwin Liemohn.
7:30 p.m. — Camera Club, Room 203, Luther Hall.
Friday, Jan. 10
6:15 p.m. — Chapel, Little Theater.

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Candlelight For Chi Rho Mon. Night

Christmastide at Wartburg continues on Monday as Chi Rho presents its annual Candlelighting service in Knights Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Karl Schmidt, Christianity Department, will deliver the sermon.

Title of Schmidt's address will be "Ever the Same Star."

General theme chosen for the service is entitled "Light of the World," according to Bill Jurgens, chairman of the evening.

Schmidt

The service is being held in connection with the traditional "Christmas at Wartburg" program. All citizens of Waverly and northeastern Iowa have been issued invitations to attend the program. Attendance estimates expect to exceed previous figures because of special invitations issued to Luther Leagues throughout the state of Iowa, according to Jurgens.

Fred Downing, president of Chi Rho, will serve as liturgist for the service. The Christmas story will be narrated by Charles Maahs, a senior member of the organization.

Chi Rho members will sing two carols during the program. Senior Leroy Buehholz arranged the music for men's chorus for the first number, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come."

"I Am the Light of the World," which signifies the divine and human nature of Christ, will be symbolized by two candles on the altar. Candles of members in the congregation will be lighted from these two candles, symbolizing Christ's commission to his followers: "YOU are the light of the World."

Thanks

Today's front page of the Trumpet is a copy of the Christmas card sent out by Wartburg College and lent to the paper through the courtesy of the Public Relations Department.

Mutnik?

POOCH MAKES CAMPUS HOME

Two dogs are famous in the eyes of Wartburg students. One is the pooch which took a ride in Sputnik II, and the other is the mutt which has been trying to make the Student Memorial Union his home.

The latter just can't seem to resist the warm seclusion of the cafeteria, Den and lounge. The shivering animal doesn't realize why anyone would want to put him out into the cold. But then, he doesn't have a five-day meal ticket.

Waverly has no leash law except that owners are required to confine their animals to their own properties during the summer months. Until Waverly passes a leash law, the poor mutt will probably just wander around the campus, wondering why nobody believes in the old adage: "I wouldn't send a dog out on a night like this."

Angels Watch Yule Program

ORGANIST WARREN SCHMIDT and the representative of the Schlicker Organ Co. examine the new pipe organ currently being installed in the Fine Arts Center.

College Service Tomorrow Night

By Jan Skibbe

Theme of "Christmas at Wartburg" revolves around the Christmas carol "Silent Night." The program will begin at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening in Knights Gymnasium.

Five angels watch over the audience from the stage as the Wartburg Choir, directed by Dr. Edwin Liemohn; Castle Singers, directed by Dr. E. A. Hovdesven; and the Concert Band, directed by Ernest Hagen, present the Christmas program.

Wartburg Choir will begin the program by singing "Sanctus" and continuing with Overture from "The Messiah" by Handel, and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach.

Present Carols

The other selections to be sung and played include "All My Heart Rejoices" by Ebbling; "Tidings of Comfort and Joy," a traditional carol; "The Wonderful News Tonight" by Hovdesven; "Dark and Wondrous Night" by Kramer; "As on the Night" by Carr; and "Joy to the World" sung by the audience.

Concluding the program are "The Three Kings" arranged by Romeu; "Be Ye Joyful, Earth and Sky," a Bohemian carol; "Advent Motet" by Sehreck; and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah" by Handel.

Angels Watch

Five life-size angels watch from the stage throughout the performance. They were designed by Deloris Garrett, sophomore art student. Ileane Prideaux, sophomore; Anne Finnern, senior; and Marilyn Harken, senior, helped to make the angels from 100 yards of specially treated white material. The texture of the cloth was attained by using various types of material, such as paste, glue and buttermilk. The stage design was a student art project, under the direction of Miss Helen Wright, head of the Art Department.

Residents of the surrounding area have been invited to "Christmas at Wartburg." No admission will be charged.

Senate Discusses Vacation, Concert

By Norm Braatz

Increased interest and activity was noted this week on the Student government scene with the emphasis concerning the possibility of early dismissal of classes for Christmas vacation.

Other items of business, which were discussed at Thursday's Student Body meeting, included the report on the popular concert and the possibility of renewing the lecture series.

A resolution, which was drawn up by the Academic Life and Executive Committees of the Senate calling for early dismissal of classes at Christmas, was presented at the faculty meeting on Thursday. The faculty failed to approve the resolution after they decided that it would be impossible to make up the classes which would be missed by such a change in the calendar.

Adix Comments

Commenting on Thursday's faculty action, Student Body President John Adix stated: "I feel that the faculty gave good consideration to the matter and was fair in its decision. Considering the fact that teachers have schedules set up for the remainder of the semester which would be hard to change, I feel that the students should have no complaints."

Charles Maahs, Student Body vice president, presided at the Student Body meeting on Thursday when Don Hamilton, chairman of the popular concert committee, reported on the progress of his group. Hamilton stated that several orchestras and vocal groups are being considered. Tentative plans call for a vote by the Student Body during the week following Christmas vacation to decide who will be contracted for the event, now scheduled for April 15.

Senate Researching

In another item of business, Maahs reported that the Senate is presently doing research on the possibility of re-establishing the lecture series with the Student Senate giving added support and publicity.

A tentative report on the Campus Chest was also given by John Solem, who reported that a total of $598 has been collected and some solicitors are still working. Solem also stated that anyone else who wishes to contribute to the drive may contact him or Larry Everett.

Yule Dance On Tonight

Tonight's the night, gang!

Pi Sigma is sponsoring its annual Christmas Ball at Irving School. Dancing will start at 8 and end at 11.

Wartburg College combo will furnish the music for the evening's entertainment, according to Ruth Juilfs, Pi Sig president. Admission will be $2 per couple.

Miss Juilfs stated that the dance will be a semiformal affair. Girls may wear formals, and men may wear any dress-up clothes.

The Pi Sigma group is providing decorations and refreshments.

Tonight's dance will be the third at the Irving School this semester. Original plans called for only two off-campus dances per semester, but the Student Activities Committee elected to have only one danee next semester and turned tonight's spot over to the Pi Sigs.

Paper Breaks

Trumpet staffers enjoy vacation as much—maybe more—than the rest of the Student Body, so no paper till next year. Issue Number 15 is scheduled for Jan. 11, 1958.

Youth Department Picks 27 For Mission Building

Twenty-seven Wartburg students have been selected to serve on the Parish Mission Builders team next summer, according to a recent announcement by Dr. Marcus Rieke, youth director of the American Lutheran Church.

PMB teams are sent all over the United States taking surveys, finding out who goes to church, encouraging church attendance, interesting youth in church activities and establishing missions.

Contribute Almost Half

Wartburg had 27 chosen while Iowa State Teachers College, St. Olaf, Colorado State, Capital University and Texas Lutheran College contributed a total of 28 students.

Selected from Wartburg were sophomores Shirley Campbell, Faith Dettmann, Joyce Speieher, Meredith Stuhmer, Beth Schardt, Joyce Mueller, Keo Miller, Nancy Crossman, Joel Diemer, Werner Janssen, Norm Litzner, Lawrence Stumme, Romaine Foege and James Adix.

Freshmen Chosen

Freshmen chosen were John Wollenzien and David Grube. Juniors Ruth Juilfs, Lucille Bissell, Konrad Kuchenbach and Robert Matthias were also named.

Seniors Virginia Grimm, Robert Hannemann and Charles Maahs were chosen. Alternates seleeted were sophomores Carolyn Krueger and Gloria Meyer and juniors Frederiek Baker and George H. Scherb.

Sears Donates $460 To School

Sears Roebuck Foundation Merit Scholarship Program, represented by Mrs. Gail Bolin of the local Sears Roebuck office, presented a eheck of $460 to President C. H. Becker Monday.

The gift was made in connection with the National Merit Scholarship Program. Merit Scholar Bruce Bergquist, freshman from Omaha, Neb., receives a similar amount to cover tuition costs.

"We are grateful to the Sears Roebuck Foundation and to the local branch of Sears Roebuck Company for its assistance in the National Merit Scholarship Program as well as the assistance to Wartburg College," stated President Becker.

Becker, Christmas Play Set For Holiday Convos

Traditional Christmas worship services will be held at eonvocation Tuesday. President C. H. Becker will deliver the sermon "Does God Really Care?"

Other convocations in the future include the Christmas play Dec. 19, an Epiphany service with President Sigvald Fauske of Waldorf College, Forest City, on Jan. 7, and a Student Body meeting scheduled for Jan. 9.

Music for Tuesday's convo includes songs by the Wartburg Choir and C. Robert Larson, as well as some group singing of Christmas hymns. The 1958 Choir, under the direction of Dr. Edwin Liemohn, will sing "Built on a Rock," arranged by F. Melius Christiansen for choir and baritone solo. Larson, assistant professor of voice, has selected "O Holy Night" by Adam.

Wartburg's 1957 Christmas play, "The Gift of the Magi," will be performed on Thursday for convocation and for the evening chapel.

The one-act play, an adaptation by Wartburg senior Bill Melvin from O. Henry's short story by the same name, is the tale of a young married couple who, having no money, sell their most valuable possessions to buy each other Christmas gifts.

Members of the cast are soph Kathi Frenz, Della; Melvin, playing the part of Jim; soph Kathryn Koob, Fraulein; and senior Ron Korfmacher, Butcher. Evon Wick, senior, is student director.

To all you students who are tenaciously hanging onto the idea that Santa Claus is a fine old fellow: St. Nick is the patron saint of thieves. And with the prices of Christmas presents as high as they are, you should have no difficulty believing it.

Actually, Christmas is a very flexible type holiday. If you don't want to worship Christ, you have your choice of Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman or Rudolf, the red-nosed reindeer. If you don't like to sing carols of praise to Christ's birth, take your pick. You have "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" or "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

Or maybe you like the old idea of Christmas but want to spice it up. Well, then, how about the Christmas Tree — that's a fine old Germanic pagan symbol. Maybe you can spread some mistletoe around the house. That has nothing to do with Christmas, but it's fun. (Mistletoe, incidentally, is a parasite.)

Haul in the Yule Log. The term "Yule" was originally used to designate a heathen festival at the winter solstice. (It's not impossible to get an education in this column — solstice means the longest day.)

Or maybe you just want to get acquainted. There are all kinds of weird concoctions associated with Christmas: punch, egg-nog, Tom and Jerries, hot toddy or the attractively gift-wrapped fifth.

Bitter? Heavens, no. Just amused and a bit disappointed that the important things during Christmas are pressed into one visit to church and one little hastily prepared prayer over the Christmas turkey while our star of Christmas is a little spheroid circling the earth — Sputnik.

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I've noticed that Dean Oppermann has already given his Christmas presents for the year — Oppie letters. They're a bit different from the cards, in that they have the Suso clause (Shape Up or Ship Out).

It's a good thing Ike can't run for a third term. Next election, I think Pogo would stand an even chance against him.

Clinic Gives New Award

Rohlf Memorial Clinic Foundation, Waverly, has originated a $100 scholarship to be donated to a Wartburg student living in the Waverly school districts.

Purpose is to encourage local students to attend Wartburg. The scholarship will be given in the sophomore year.

Roger Lageschulte, Waverly sophomore, is the recipient of the award this year.

Talks To Grads

President C. H. Becker has been invited to deliver the address for the mid-year commencement at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Stop In At INFELT'S

TRUMPET RECOMMENDS

Reviewer Goes 'Around The World'— Finds Some Parts Good, Others . . .

By John Werner

Fabulous — breath-taking — exciting — marvelous. These are adjectives used to describe Michael Todd's "Around The World In 80 Days." They sound impressive until one notes that most of these superlative statements were made by Todd himself!

Although "Around The World" is not what Mike Todd would have us believe it is, one must admit that it is a good picture. The huge cast, lilting musical score and panoramic sweep of pictorial spots around the world make it worth the price of admission, which varies from $2.40 to $4.

Werner

Undoubtedly, the weakest element of the movie lies in a rather shallow plot. Jules Verne, when writing the novel on which the movie is based, was very careful to add subplots and incidents to help hold the reader's interest.

Todd has produced his movie with little concern for weaving a tight plot. Rather, he takes us on a three and one-half hour rush around the world on such conveyances as a bicycle, balloon, ostrich, elephant, barge, stagecoach, sailmobile and taxicab.

The film opens with Phileas Fogg playing whist with a group of distinguished Londoners at the exclusive Reform Club. During the course of the game, Fogg comments that he thinks the world is shrinking so much that one could travel around it in 80 days.

David Niven as Phileas Fogg manages to create a character that is believable and alive. Niven's apt wit helps to make many boring moments bearable.

Cantinflax, the brilliant Spanish comedy star, completely steals the spotlight in his American movie debut. His whimsical portrayal of Passepartout, servant, lover, bullfighter, Indian fighter, guide and treasurer, provide most of the comedy relief throughout the picture.

Of the 48 other big-name Hollywood stars that pass across the screen, little need be said except that they did appear. Robert Newton, as a detective who follows the two heroes around the world because he believes they robbed the Bank of England, is believable, if not inspiring. For the rest of the cast, one wonders what was added by showing Frank Sinatra playing a piano in a Barbary Coast saloon, or Charles Coburn's two-minute appearance as a clerk in a Hong Kong steamship office.

Besides those mentioned above, such stars as Marlene Dietrich, Peter Lorre, Beatrice Lillie, George Raft, Cesar Romero and Red Skelton also flitted across the screen.

It is the musical score of the late Victor Young and the photography of Lionel Lindon that make "Around the World" worth seeing.

Mr. Young's brilliant music helps sweep the viewer through the many reels of Lindon's breath-taking views of the world. Both are tied together so expertly that one leaves the theater feeling he has heard a symphony of the world while sitting high on a cloud watching the earth spin dizzily beneath him. France, Spain, India, China, Japan, the United States, England — all are grasped by the camera lens and splashed in a fury of sound and color across the specially built screen.

Todd is now in the process of making "Don Quixote." Let us hope he has learned from "Around the World" that anyone can produce a travelogue that costs millions of dollars, but it takes a welding of plot, character and action to produce a truly great motion picture, no matter how many stars you have or how big your screen may be.

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A Good Place To Work

'Cool Yule,' Says Kathi, 'But It's Not Brynner'

By Kathi

Hi!

Well, in case you hadn't realized it, Christmas is coming. And also, in case you hadn't realized it, we get out at 3:50 p.m. this Friday. Do I sound bitter? I didn't mean to.

Frenz

Christmas comes to Wartburg this weekend. Sunday evening the Music Department will present "Christmas at Wartburg" at 8. The annual Chi Rho Candlelighting Service is the following evening at 7:30. Both these events are traditional. . . . .and I'm sure you will carry the thoughts of them with you for quite a while.

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Typewriter-pounder (APG member, that is)? Then this is for you: A short meeting will be held in the Pub House Tuesday afternoon at 4:30. That's 4:30 p.m! Nothing special — just a regular meeting with a little business to take care of.

Incidentally, Butter Crumbles are still on sale in the Pub House. They are a really good Christmas candy. Take some home to Mom!

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More Christmas here at Wartburg. . . . . the Christmas play will go on stage Thursday evening at 6:30. It will take the place of chapel for the evening. It is an adaptation of O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi." The play will also be a part of Thursday's convo. Convo, incidentally, is in the Little Theater that day.

Wartburg Players will hold their Christmas party following the evening production. I might say that Vollmer House is in charge of entertainment . . . . . it sounds, how shall I put it, "entertaining." Oh, well, as President Louis Becker put it to me, "We'll just have to go to find what the boys (Vollmer) have lined up."

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Basketball Wednesday at 7:30. Let's all turn out to see the Knights in action against Loras of Dubuque. Attendance was good at the first home game — let's make it even better!

I hear that the Married Couples Club was responsible for the campus decorations— the large evergreen wreaths on the buildings and the gay light posts, that is. Several of the club's members spent Saturday morning putting them up. Adds to the holiday spirit, don't you agree?

The Wartburg Choir will be entertained Thursday at the home of Dr. Edwin Liemohn. The dinner is an annual event following the year's tour.

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And, since this is the last paper till after vacation, let's see where we can meet our friends the first week back on campus. I have only a few items. . . .most meeting times being uncertain until after the three-week freedom period.

Tri-Beta meets Jan. 8 — that's Wednesday—at 7:15 p. m. in Room 308, Luther Hall.

Camera Club will click the Thursday following at 7:30 p. m. in Room 203.

Knights meet Upper Iowa Jan. 7, Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bye

Students Print

Wartburg students continue in the field of writing as Marcia Kahl, junior, Fred Downing, senior, and Steen Tofte, freshman, receive honors for their poetry. The National Poetry Association chose some of their works to be included in its annual anthology of poetry by college students.

IN OPPIE'S OFFICE

Schardt, Koester Play Cards

By Duane Schroeder

Do you want your Oppie card fixed?

Not a chance if you ask senior Phyllis Koester or sophomore Beth Schardt, secretaries to Earnest Oppermann, dean of students, and Mrs. Florence Hertlein, dean of women.

"Some of them have tried it, but I think they were only joking," Miss Schardt said. "We don't give them a chance to get serious."

Probably two of the luckiest girls on campus, Miss Schardt or Miss Koester have never received an Oppie card while working in the dean's office. Don't yell "Foul" because they send the cards out only under orders.

Major In Business

Miss Koester, a business major from Redfield, S.D., started working as secretary to the deans in the summer between her sophomore and junior years. Employment being offered the year round, she was asked by Oppermann to take the job.

Despite the fact that the dean's office is probably second only to the treasurer's office in causing pain and anguish to the persecuted students, she finds the work fairly interesting.

Miss Schardt, an arts-nursing student from Wichita, Kan., put in her application for work last year when she was a freshman.

She soon wound up with one of the most envied jobs on campus. It doesn't seem likely that she will part with it either because she doesn't have to go to convo except to take attendance.

"That's the part I like best," she laughed.

Secretaries To Two

The two girls are secretaries to both Oppermann and Mrs. Hertlein, but the major part of the work comes from the dean of student's offiee. The girls not only issue Oppie cards and take convo attendance, but they also are in charge of all general correspondence, housing assignments and personal files of the students.

Having the distinction of recording all of the student's mistakes, they dislike the routine of recording grades and absences the most. However, both feel that the work is enjoyable.

"All of it is interesting," Miss Koester said. "You can't really single out any one thing. Probably the funniest incidents occur when students bring in Oppie cards. We ask them, 'Can we help you?,' and some of them come up with the funniest expressions."

Students are constantly coming in and asking that convo and class cuts be looked up or where a certain student or teacher is at a particular time.

Don't Know Everything

"We don't always know the answer to their questions, but we try to help them out. It is rather embarrassing when we tell them Oppermann is going to be back in five minutes and they miss their next two classes," the two girls said.

"But students aren't the only ones who come in. Faculty members are just as bad," they admitted.

Oppie Cards Come

Oppie card assignments are usually lightest on the first day of school, but after that, business picks up, and it usually is booming by Christmas vacation. As the semester draws to a close, the number of cards and letters inviting students into the office for a friendly conversation usually rises because students want to use up their already used cuts.

Both girls carry a full scholastic load besides working about twenty hours a week. This usually cuts down on leisure time. "Our social life is pretty skimpy," Miss Koester added.

If you feel bad because the administration and faculty aren't letting you go home for Christmas before 3:50 on Friday, cheer up because you never had it so good. The two girls who answer your request to see Oppermann get only half a vacation. Oppie cards must go out, come fire, high water or Christmas vacation.

AN UNSEEN HAND extends an "Oppie" card to Beth Schardt and Phyllis Koester in the dean of students office.

Haefner To Travel, Will Present Paper

Dr. A. E. Haefner, Greek Department head, plans to attend the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30 and 31.

At the meeting Dr. Haefner is scheduled to read a paper which embodies some of the research he has been conducting during the past year.

Following the meeting in Louisville, he will travel to Chicago to attend the meeting of Greek Teachers at American Colleges, scheduled for Jan. 1 and 2. Subject under discussion there will be "New Methods of Descriptive Linguistics."

Ex-Alum Head Dies

The Rev. Alfred Rausch, former president of the Wartburg Alumni Association, died Dec. 7. He was pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Des Moines.

Engagement Revealed

Robert C. Hesterberg, freshman from Gifford, Ill., recently gave a diamond to Judith Anne Trowbridge, senior in Champaign High School, Champaign, Ill. They plan to be married next summer.

Lohn Party

Miss Perna Lohn, college librarian, will be the hostess for the nearly twenty members of Wartburg's library staff at their annual supper tomorrow evening at her home.

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PICKING UP SPLINTERS

IM Program Falters; Little Interest Shown

By Wilbur Fischman

A near crisis has developed in certain phases of the Wartburg intramural program. Lack of interest on the part of the student body has brought the IM schedule to almost a complete standstill.

The Wednesday night bowling league for the past several years has been a booming eight-team success. The league started this season with eight groups but has been functioning with six and sometimes only five teams. Fear is expressed by IM officials that the college will lose its weekly spot in Waverly league competition.

Jaspers

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The football program, behind the lead of Denny Wessels, is the only activity that can be termed anywhere near a success thus far. The tennis and golf matches lost out partly to the flu and early snow, but neither had much interest in the beginning. Men's volleyball, scheduled for last month, never got under way because of the complacent attitude of several expected teams.

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What to do next is the problem facing Chairman Fred Jaspers and the rest of the IM Committee. Adviser of the intramural program, Bob Campbell, stated that the program and facilities are offered directly for the benefit of the students. The program could be cut to fit the needs of those who are interested, if necessary.

However, the bowling situation isn't that simple. Approximately ten or fifteen more keglers will be needed shortly to see the league through this year and get it back on its feet.

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The program is being presented as attractively as finances will allow. Lack of time is a legal excuse for all students. But burned out television tubes and jammed card tables in the Union point to the fact that the modern age probably fails to realize the physical benefits that help make a well-rounded college curriculum.

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John Adix, combined Student Body prexy and basketball general, joined the coveted 1,000-point club of Iowa college players - Tuesday. John tallied 16 markers against Dubuque to push him into the select circle with a career total of 1,008.

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Honors continue to heap on Arnie Brandt, outstanding lineman for the Knights this fall. Arnie was named to a first-team berth on the Iowa All-Conference team selected by loop coaches earlier.

He was a unanimous choice on conference champ Luther's all-opponent team. Now this week Arnie received special mention along with three other players from Iowa on the Williamson little All-America squad.

IN THE ALLEYS

Bowlers Polish Lanes Each Wednesday As Students, Faculty Join Program

By Bill Melvin

Bowling, one of America's favorite indoor sports, fills the Wartburg intramural agenda every Wednesday night at the Waverly Bowl-Inn.

Previous years have seen interested students and faculty members organize a college league on their own, but this year it has been incorporated into the regular intramural agenda.

Lack Of Teams

Strangely enough, at the present time there are only enough participants for six teams, while in the past there has always been a full league of eight. Two teams of high school students are currently filling the gap.

"We're still trying to get interested people," said Bob Campbell, faculty adviser. "We don't know whether it's a lack of interest or of finances on the part of the students."

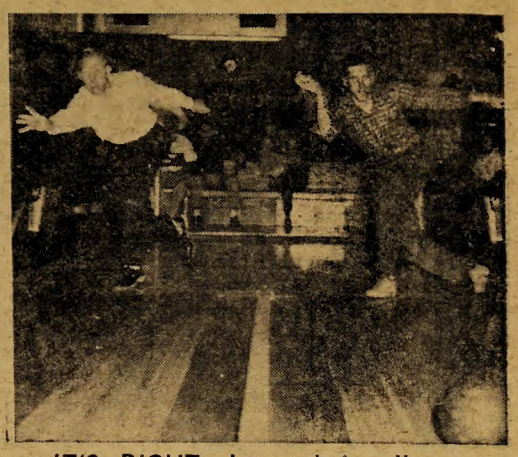
Campbell explained that bowling always provides an enjoyable evening and creates team spirit as well as offering a personal challenge to each bowler to improve himself.

Each team is sponsored by one of the Waverly business establishments, who donate money toward providing trophies at the end of the season. Trophies go to high individual performers as well as to the winning team.

Faculty Bowls Over

Campbell smiled as he said, "The student teams enjoy getting fired up when they bowl against the faculty."

And he was quick to add that the faculty has won the league the last two years.



IT'S RIGHT down their alleys as Earnest Oppermann and Mel Schlichting pound the lanes during the Wednesday night bowling session.

To the student who daily complains of his lack of exercise and of having nothing to do for entertainment, bowlers point out that here is the opportunity for sportsmanship and competition. They invite others to join the regulars in the Wednesday night trek to the Bowl-Inn. Hopes are to bring the college league back up to eight teams.

Boyenga Rolls High Game

Jim Boyenga starred among the keglers this week by rolling both high game, 211, and high series, 550. In the second-place division it was John Mehlhaus with a 207 and Bob Campbell with a 541.

The team work of Carver's also paid off this week as that team proceeded to extend its power in the league to five games over the second-place Pontiac team. Carver's had both high game and series with a 787 and 2,201, respectively.

IM basketball is planned for the near future, and any players interested may sign the provided papers in their respective housing units. Further information will soon be available.

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Knights Down Buena Vista, Face Loras Wed.

Clobber Beavers In 78-44 Rout

Wartburg's Knights handed Coach Ax Bundgaard his birthday cake for this year in the form of a 78-44 over Buena Vista last night in Knights Gym. The entire 13 man squad claimed a slice of the victory cake, with the biggest hunks going to senior guard John Adix and soph center John Tuecke.

The victory brought the Knights season record to 4-0, and registered them 3-0 in a first place tie with Iowa Wesleyan in the Iowa Conference. Bundgaard's cagers again employed their two most deadly weapons—superior rebounding and balanced scoring — to subdue the Buena Vista team.

The Axmen jumped to an early lead and at one time midway through the first half led by a 27-6 margin. Adix was the sparkplug in the initial half with his contribution of 10 points.

Tuecke pumped in four quick fielders after the intermission as the Knights spurted 60-25 at one point. Bundgaard saturated his lineup with reserves during most of the last half.

Adix wound up as the games high scorer with 19 tallies. Tuecke added 14 and Fred Jaspers 10 to the local cause. Center John Kuyper mustered 10 for the Beavers top effort.

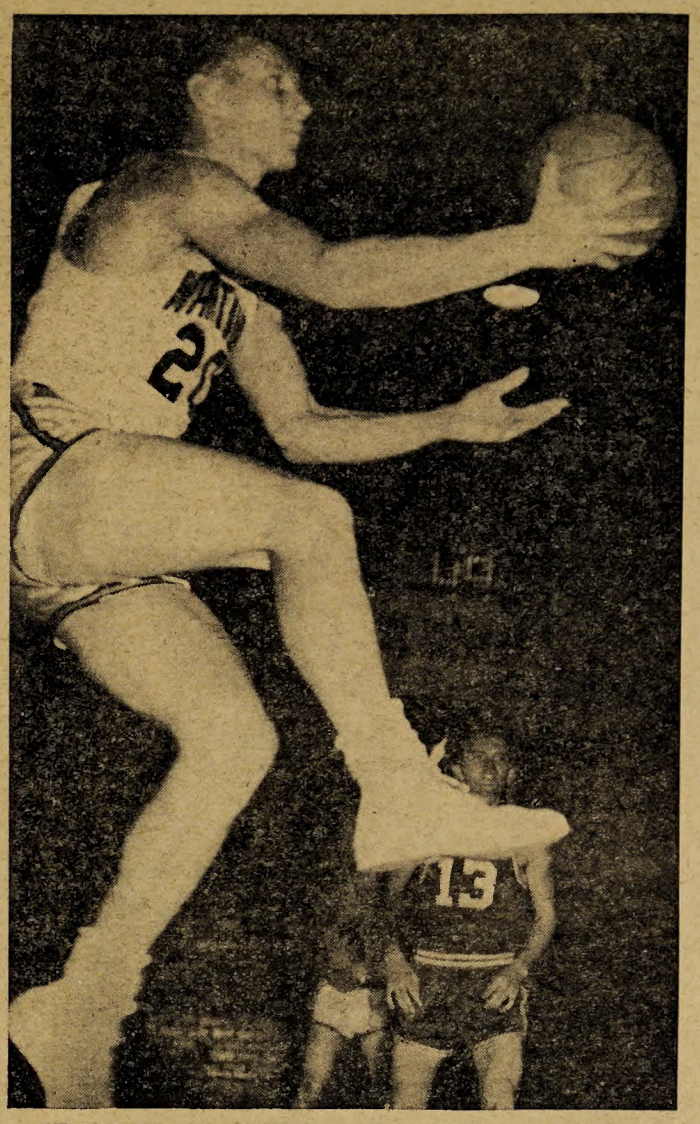
Spartans Fall

In a conference game Tuesday night, the Wartburg College Knights polished off an upset-minded Dubuque Spartan team, 72-63. The mildly surprising Spartans provided some stiff competition with their hustle, but the Axmen were not to be waylaid. They exhibited superior strength in the first half and led 39-23. In the second half, the Knights coasted home with Coach Bundgaard substituting freely.

Tuecke Pumps

The Wartburg College basketball team was royally welcomed in its first home game of the season, by a boisterous, spirited student body, and the Knights responded chivalrously in posting a 66-46 win over a highly touted Simpson college team. The Axmen presented a sparkling defense, an experienced bench and the offensive touch of John Tuecke to score their first conference win.

It was a slow moving game with Warburg concentrating on defense. John Tuecke's feather-light jump shot accounted for 23 points to spearhead the Knights' offense. Knights went ahead early and were never seriously threatened by the Redmen.



IT'S TWO POINTS more for Wartburg as Fred Jaspers goes in for a lay-up during last night's 78-44 rout of Buena Vista. Jaspers, who collected 10 points, was one of a dozen Knights to score.

Wrestlers Open With TC Tourney

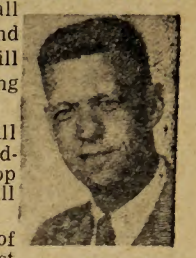
Wartburg wrestlers competed in the Iowa Intercollegiate Wrestling Conference tourney last week at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.

Coach Norm Johansen entered seven grapplers in the tourney. Best showing was turned in by soph Norm Frederichs, a scrappy 123 pound candidate. Frederichs wrestled his way to the finals before being decisioned in the championship match.

Axmen Take On Duhawks And Tall Corn Opponents

Wartburg Knights, off to a smooth start in Iowa Conference play, will host Loras College in Knights Gymnasium Wednesday night.

Coach Ax Bundgaard's Knights will remain out of conference competition over the holidays, playing in the Tall Corn tournament Dec. 27 and 28 at Waverly and Cedar Falls. The men of black and orange will return to loop action Jan. 7, when defending champ Upper Iowa comes to town.



Bundgaard

Loras, annually a strong performer in small college basketball circles, faces a time of rebuilding this year. The Duhawks lost five of their top seven men who posted an 11-15 record against all opponents last season.

Coach Vince Dowd will rely on a host of sophomore prospects that advanced from last year's outstanding Duhawk frosh squad. Jack Frasco, a 6'5" forward, is expected to be the big scorer for Loras this season.

The Knights posted a 78-65 victory over the Duhawks last season at Dubuque. Wednesday's contest will be the 27th in the Wartburg-Loras series that dates back to 1919. Loras has won 21 out of the 26 games played during that period.

The four-team affair is scheduled to get under way Dec. 27 in Waverly with the Knights facing Luther, and Iowa State Teachers College tangling with Mankato.

The tourney site will shift to Cedar Falls the next night, where the winners will vie for the first-place trophy awarded by the Waterloo Courier. A consolation game will be played between the two first-round losers.

Teachers won the affair last year, defeating the Knights 91-74 in the finals. The TC club, under Coach Jim Whitham, has split even in its first four ball games this season. The Panthers have six of the top seven men back from last year's squad, including Frank Stotts, senior forward, who scored 35 points against the Knights in the championship game.

Luther, according to early season reports, has a vastly improved club this year. The Norse have two tall forwards to go with a pair of speedy guards and a high scoring center. Mankato, also a teachers college, located in Mankato, Minn., has seven lettermen on hand for this year's squad.

Frosh Squad Fails Twice

Wartburg Squires, freshman cagers, dropped their opening game of the season 79-52 to Sanitary Farm Dairies last week, then took it on the chin again 64-54 at Dubuque Tuesday night.

Guard Ralph Meewes paced the future Knights against the Cedar Rapids Dairy club with 15 points. Gable notched 26 for the winners.

Ed Bahlmann scored 13 in the Dubuque setback for Bob Campbell's crew. Bob Lindsey meshed 19 to head Dubuque.

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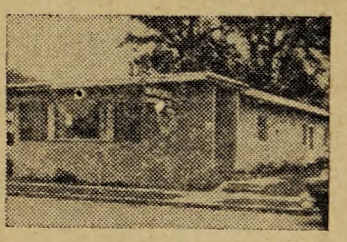

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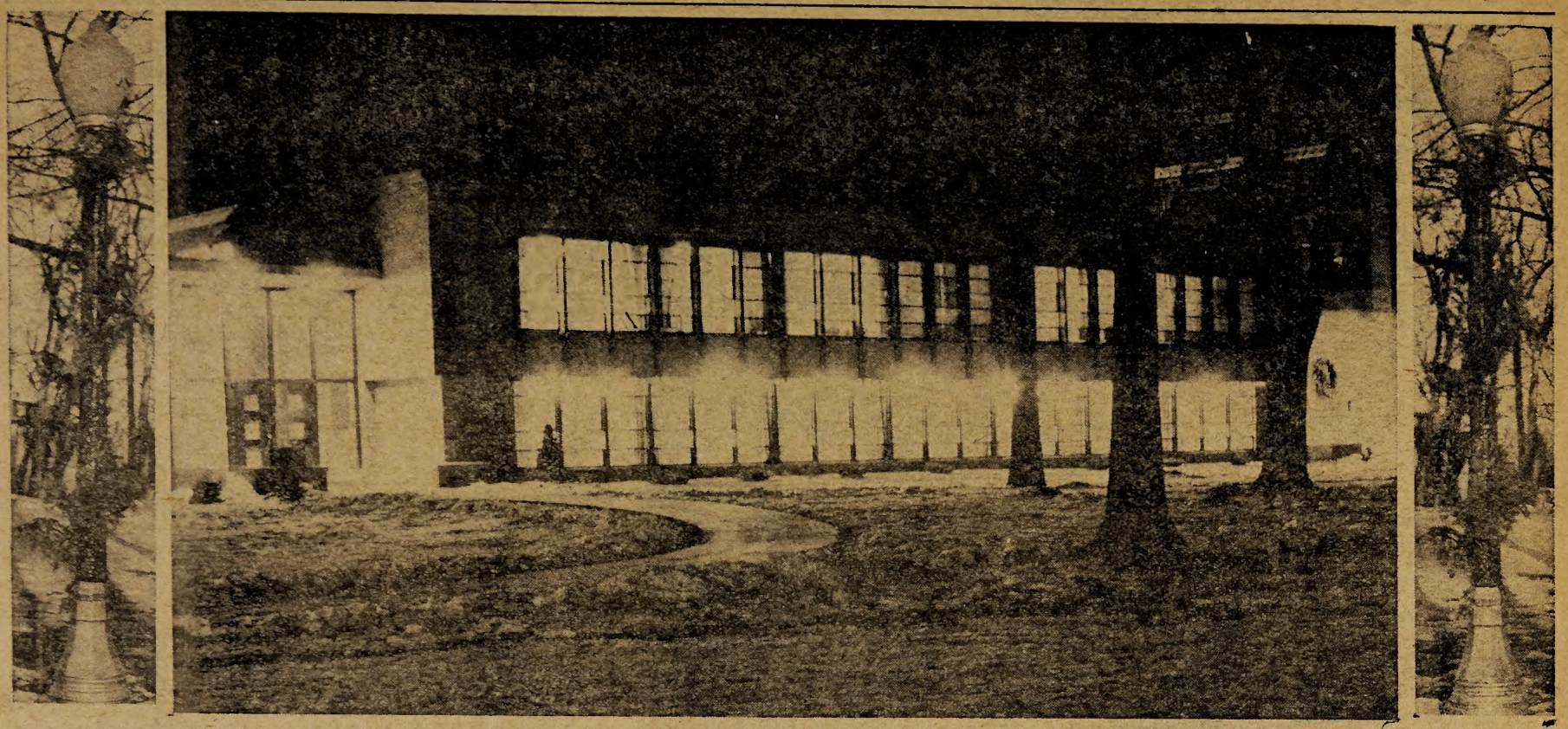

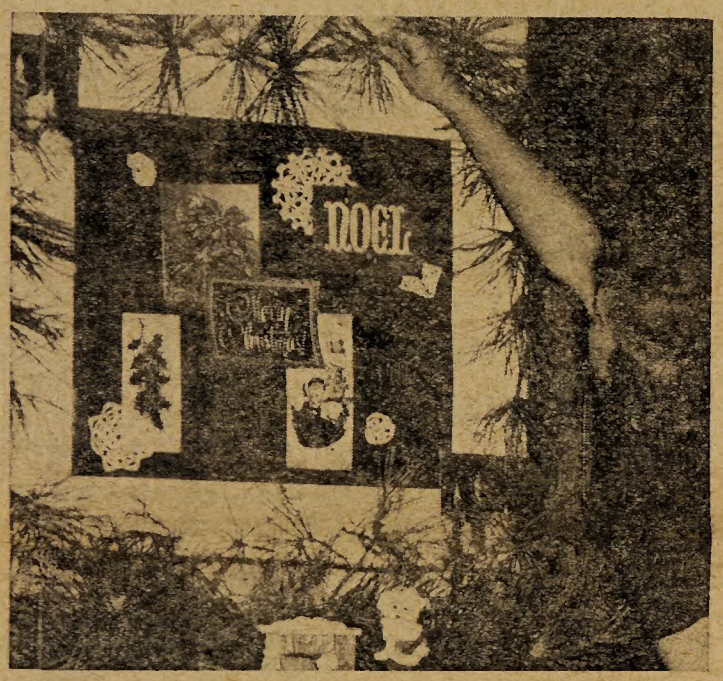

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